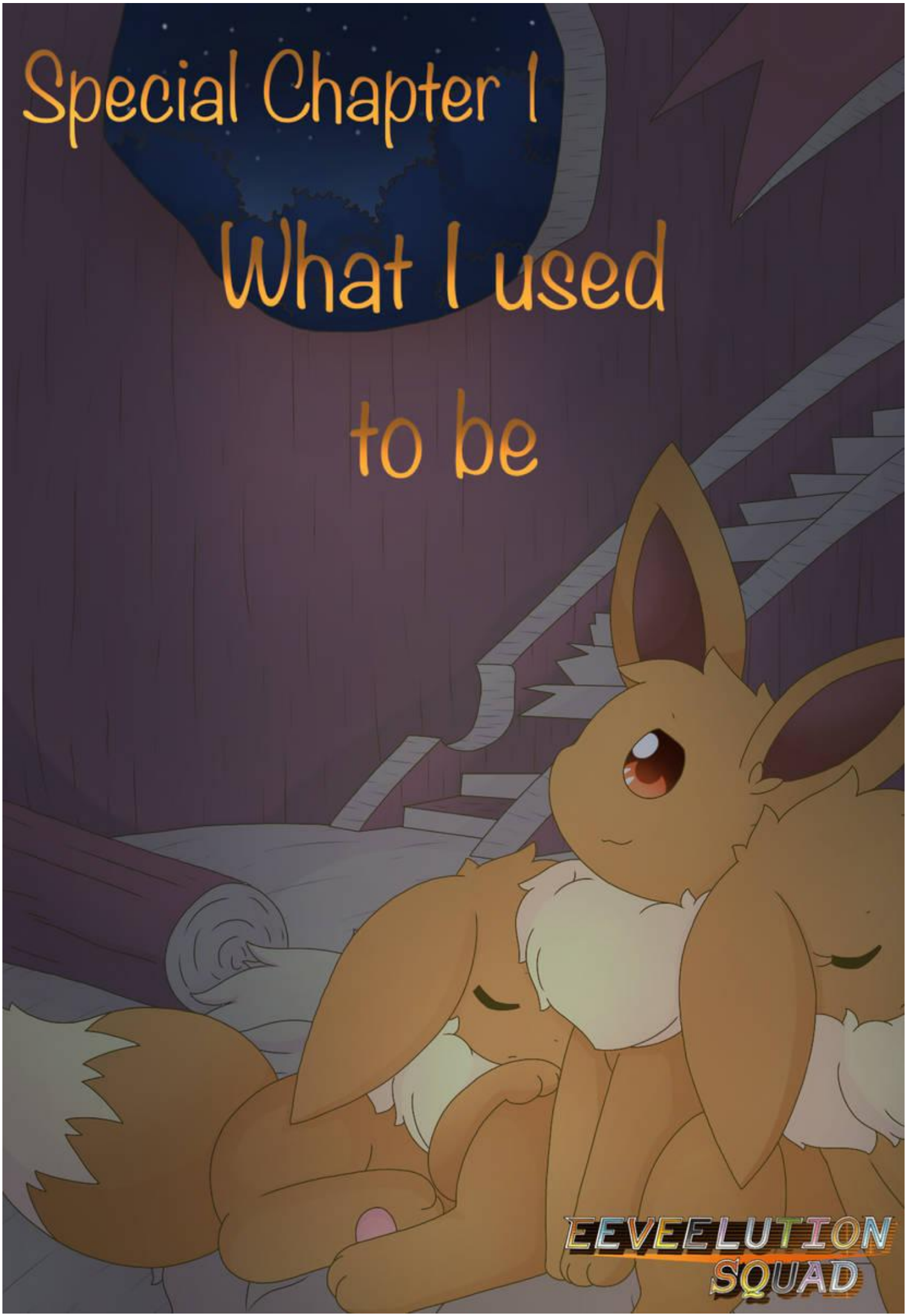
Special Chapter 1

What I used to be



Two weeks later...
Ever since I started to live with Espeon and the others, a lot of things happened...
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Stupid idiot!
...
I don't know how I should tell Eevee about what happened to her parents though...
And for some reasons, I started to feel that I'm slowly becoming myself again...
?
Gift shop!
Bookstore!
I don't get it... For these whole months, I wasn't myself at all...?
I still can't believe I kissed Glaceon...
I'm healed again...? This fast...?
Are you okay?

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Who am I kidding? That wasn't my first kiss anyway...
5 years earlier...
Zzz
Zzz
Zzz
Zzz
Heh heh...
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Wake up!
Ah!
Later...
Do you always have to wake me up this way...?
This is the fastest way to wake you up~
Tee hee hee...
Where's Flare?
He's in the backyard planting berries. Anyway...
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I'M HUNGRY!
Do you really have to yell at me? Why don't you go pick some berries in the kitchen?
Oh... Can you do it for me?
Later...
Yummy!
I'm going out now. See you later!
Big bro, please be careful.
You don't have to worry about me. I'm always careful.
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There it is...
Later...
Zzz
Zzz
Sorry, I'm late.
What took you so long?
I um... overslept...
Again? All the other teams had already left on their missions.
My bad...
Hey, Trace.
Yes?
There's something I want to ask you.
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How is everything between you and your dad? I still can't believe that your dad is a famous scientist.
Not great...
Why?
Well, I want to be a rescuer but my dad wants me to be a researcher anyway.
Really? Being a researcher sounds like fun.
To me, it's actually boring.
The only good thing about being a researcher is you can travel everywhere without worrying about money but you're not allowed to battle.
By the way, my dad somehow created those weird medals.
Weird medals?
They're like evolution stones but have the same function as mega stones. They can temporary evolve the evolution stone users.
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What...?
It's hard to explain. You wouldn't understand.
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You know, I can't believe it's been a year already since the day I met you.
Yeah... It was a good thing that you were terrible at aiming...
Get back here wild Pokemon!
Stay away from me!
Hey!
Anyway, let's talk about something else. How are your parents?
...
8 months earlier...
Excuse me, mister.
Is there any chance you know what happened to a pair of Eeveelutions in Greenhills Forest around 10 years ago?
Pair of Eeveelutions...?
Right, right, that wild Rhydon attack. Sorry to break it to you but there was no survivors in that attack.
Both victims and the attacker were deceased by the time we arrived. If I'm not mistaken, the exact location was right in front of your house.
...
Speedy?
Hello, can you hear me?
Let's just focus on the future...
You know, sometimes I wish you were a girl...
Why?
'cause you're girly...
Hey!
Well... I would have a girlfriend by now if you were really one...
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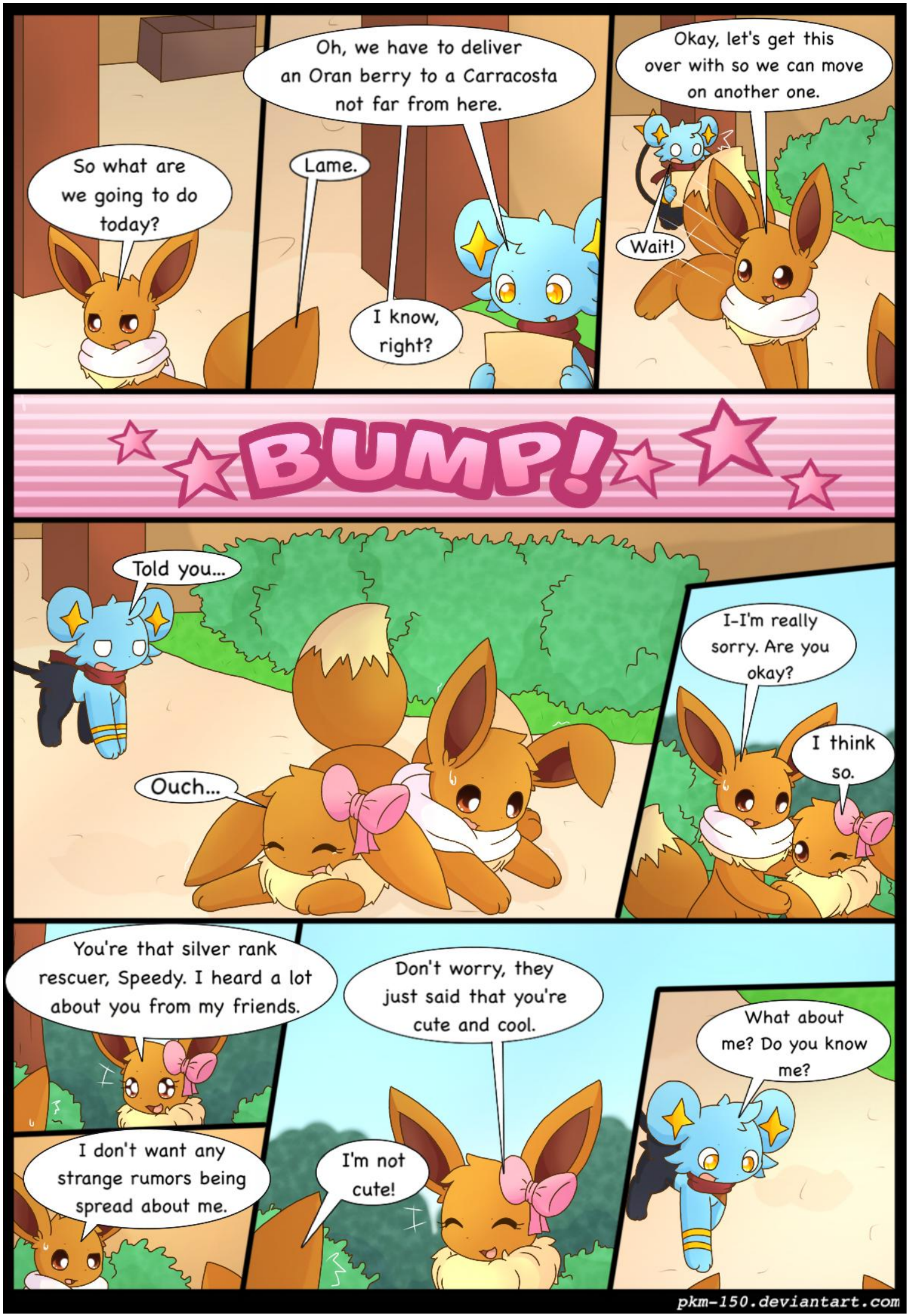
So what are we going to do today?
Oh, we have to deliver an Oran berry to a Carracosta not far from here.
Lame.
I know, right?
Okay, let's get this over with so we can move on another one.
Wait!
BUMP!
Told you...
Ouch...
I-I'm really sorry. Are you okay?
I think so.
You're that silver rank rescuer, Speedy. I heard a lot about you from my friends.
I don't want any strange rumors being spread about me.
Don't worry, they just said that you're cute and cool.
I'm not cute!
What about me? Do you know me?
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You're Dr. Robert's son. Your dad is a famous scientist, of course I know you.
Anyway... what was your name again?
I knew it...
My name is Trace. Why does everyone only know me because of my dad...?
My bad.
By the way, my name is Silvia. Nice to meet you.
She's so cute...
!?
What was that for!?
Waking you up.
There you are!
I've been looking all over for you! Dad is gonna turn me into popsicle if anything happened to you!
Big brother, I'm fine.
Alright... let's go home.
Just a second.
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Hey.
What?
Is there any chance you're hitting on her?
Nope.
Well, then it's your choice.
What are you talking about?
So, uh...
Do you wanna hang out sometimes...? You know... just two of us?
Does he really need a girlfriend this bad?
Well, big brother told me not to hang out with any boys since I always make every boy I meet fall in love with me--
Not all of them.
?
What?
Um... Why are you staring at me like that?
!?
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...
Does this change your mind?
Big brother, wait up!
...
She kissed me and left...
Weird... She's definitely the weirdest girl I've ever met...
I'm so jealous right now! How did it feel?
That night...
...
Big bro?
Big bro, are you okay?
I'm fine.
Don't worry, I'm totally fine.
You've been acting really strange today ever since you got home.

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I just noticed you have a flower on. You look cute.
Geez, thanks~ Flare gave it to me. Cute, right?
Yeah... hey, it's getting late now. Let's sleep.
Okay, let me show you how it's done~
This is very convincing...
Sis?
Next day...
You little brats...
Let's finish this while he's still paralyzed.
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Later...
Nice job, kids.
Anytime.
Phew... what a day.
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Is anything wrong?
Oh, I know. I bet you miss that girl from yesterday.
What- No, I'm just exhausted, that's all.
Alright, alright.
Hey, you're not gonna go to see your dad?
I don't want to.
BOOOOMM!
What was that?
How am I supposed to know? Please don't be where I think it is.
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Meanwhile...
Well, well, well. What do we have here?
Hey!
Leave my dad alone!
What are you doing?! Get out of here!
Ah!
Trace!!
I'll get you for this!
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Ouch...
Dammit... Why haven't the other rescue teams arrived yet...?
Hey, kid!
?
Wh-what...?
Over here! Link with me!
H-huh?
This thing is floating and talking to me? Am I daydreaming?
Of course not! Do you want to save them or not?!
Don't touch that prototype! It seems broken! I don't think it's safe!
I don't care! I have to save you and Trace!
Genetic-Link Established! E.V. System Online!
It works! I never thought I'd ever find another Fire Stone user that has a perfect link with me.
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You parried my attack?!
Are you okay?
Dad, I'm fine... What about Speedy?
He's...
Isn't that...?
?!
That medal is still active? I thought you said it was destroyed years ago in that attack!
How?!
That's because I couldn't find it on the radar.
Its tracking system might have been broken. Something isn't right. It didn't take control of its host before.
Soon...
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pant

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Speedy!
Snap out of it! You're not yourself!
I am myself and I'm sick of being treated like useless trash!!
Ah!
?!
You okay? That Lucario is tough enough to survive the flame. You should go help him even if he's an outlaw. I'll deal with Speedy.
But Frost, you're an ice type, not a water type!
Just leave him to me. I got this.
Okay, but be careful.
So you're Frost... Long time no see, traitor!
Traitor?
You left me! How could you abandon me in that attack after I saved you?!
I didn't. We got separated during that wild Pokémon attack.
I did my best to find you. I didn't abandon you.
Lie! I believed in you but you let me down!
I'll burn you and melt you until there's nothing left of you!
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I don't want to fight you but you leave me no choice!
?!
I know you're angry, you have feelings...
...but...
...you need to stop this!
B-berserk Mode D-deactivated... System C-corrupted... Rebooting... 5... 4... E-error... Rebooting Failed...
You okay?
I'm still in c-control...
I know. No matter what you do, you're still my friend and partner.

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Sorry for the troubles I-I caused...
It's okay. Why didn't you go and find doc? He could have helped you.
I w-was deactivated the whole time until I was triggered t-to reactivate awhile ago due to that explosion nearby.
I don't want to be rude but could you let Alan- I mean Speedy go?
I-I can't. His genetic code has become stable and can't be undone at will due to the damages I had t-taken. I shouldn't blame you. It wasn't your fault.
Can't we just fix you?
I'm afraid it w-won't work. His body won't d-devolve as long as I'm still functioning. I'm the one that keeps him in this form. I c-can't separate him from me.
There's only one way. Use Iron tail and a-aim on my core. Once I-I'm destroyed, his genetic code will be r-reset back to the way it was.
Wh-what?! There's gotta be another way!
I-I'm afraid this is the only way. I h-have to tell you something. He h-has already inherited all of your m-memories.
My memories?
The memories of a h-host will be copied and p-passed down to another host v-via linking as a side effect.
You mean he would know everything about my past?
Affirmative. His will, yours and m-mine are almost the same. It might be why we h-had perfect link together. Now d-do me a favor and destroy me. Free him from m-my control.
If this is what you want, so be it!

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Ah!
?!
Frost, take Black and run! Hurry--
Dad!!!
Ah!
You're awake.
Fr-Frost?! What happened to the others and Trace?!
They're fine. They're right outside. What's wrong?
Once that Lucario healed up, what should we do with him?
Haven't you noticed he healed fast? Too fast! I think it's better to lock him up for awhile.
I-I saw messed up things. It's just so horrible. I try to forget it but I can't.
It's okay. It's just a nightmare--
No, it isn't. I know you're lying.
Everything I saw did happen years ago. It's even written on many articles in the rescuer HQ.
This must be the same thing that happened to my parents too...
Sorry about that. Anyway, I never thought you had a brother. Black, was it? How is he?
My little brother is fine. Tell you what, he's the same age as you are.
Really? Do you think I can visit him?
I don't think that's a good idea.
He hates rescuers and explorers so he might insult you.
Does he know you're an explorer?
No, he only knows that I work at a Mail Headquarters.
You mean you also work as a mailman?
Sort of.

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I want you to have this.
What about you?
Keep it. I still have the red one.
Thank you.
I gotta go now. My brother will look for me soon.
Wait, I still have so much to ask you.
Sorry, Alan. Maybe next time.
Could you call me by my real name? I stopped using that name and started using my real name months ago.
Just messing with you.
2 months later...
All clear.
Are we there yet?
Almost there. We're already in floor 94.
Could you tell me why are we in the Wish cave again?
To look for Jirachi so we can make a wish.
Anyway, I can't believe you finally have a girlfriend. That girl we met a couple of months ago really like you.
Don't remind me of that girl. Also, she's not my girlfriend.
Come on, she's pretty cute and sweet.
She's just not my type. Also, I bet she just toys with me.
But I'm not you.
I don't think so. Beside, I would date her if I were you.
By the way, do your siblings know you're a rescuer?
No, I told them I work as a mailman.
And they believe you?
Yup.
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Mailman...
That reminds me, you started to change after what happened to Frost. What's your deal with his brother anyway?
You even use your code name again to get near him and help him just like he's really your brother. It's like you're mimicking Frost.
...
That's right... Everything you said is true...
I just can't stand seeing him like that... If that Feraligatr did get my siblings 7 years ago, I know I would be same too. We were lucky that our front roof fell down causing it to flee.
All I did for him is teach him to take care of himself and encourage him to join Mail HQ like Frost did. Everyone there already knows him so it's not hard.
By the way, what's with that bracelet on your paw?
Oh, this bracelet contains an Everstone. You know what it is.
Hey, what if Jirachi is just a legend?
We've come too far to give up now.
There are many monsters ahead.
Dammit. Those eyes again.
They're just wild Pokémon's eyes.
They're not. Wild Pokemon don't have those eyes. They have normal eyes like us.
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Didn't the Lucario that attacked your dad become a mindless monster? He also had the same eyes. They're also the same eyes of the wild Pokemon that attacked the town years ago and last month.
Wait a sec... Years ago...? Both you and I weren't even there.
Uh-oh...
What do you mean "uh-oh"?
Rrraaawwwrr!!!
Ah!
?!
Aaargh!!
Trace!!
?!
Ah!
I-I'm alive? Now what...?
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Speedy...?
Later...
You were really brutal back there...
They were gonna eat us. There's no way I'll let that happen.
But they're wild Pokemon. They don't know things. They just do stuff.
They're not. Once they get you, they eat you. Also, didn't you see that none of them have blood inside their bodies?
What do you mean?
Forget it... We're here--
He's sleep fighting?
Speedy, wait!
Ow...
S-sorry, we didn't mean to hurt you.
It's okay, I'm the one who should be sorry.
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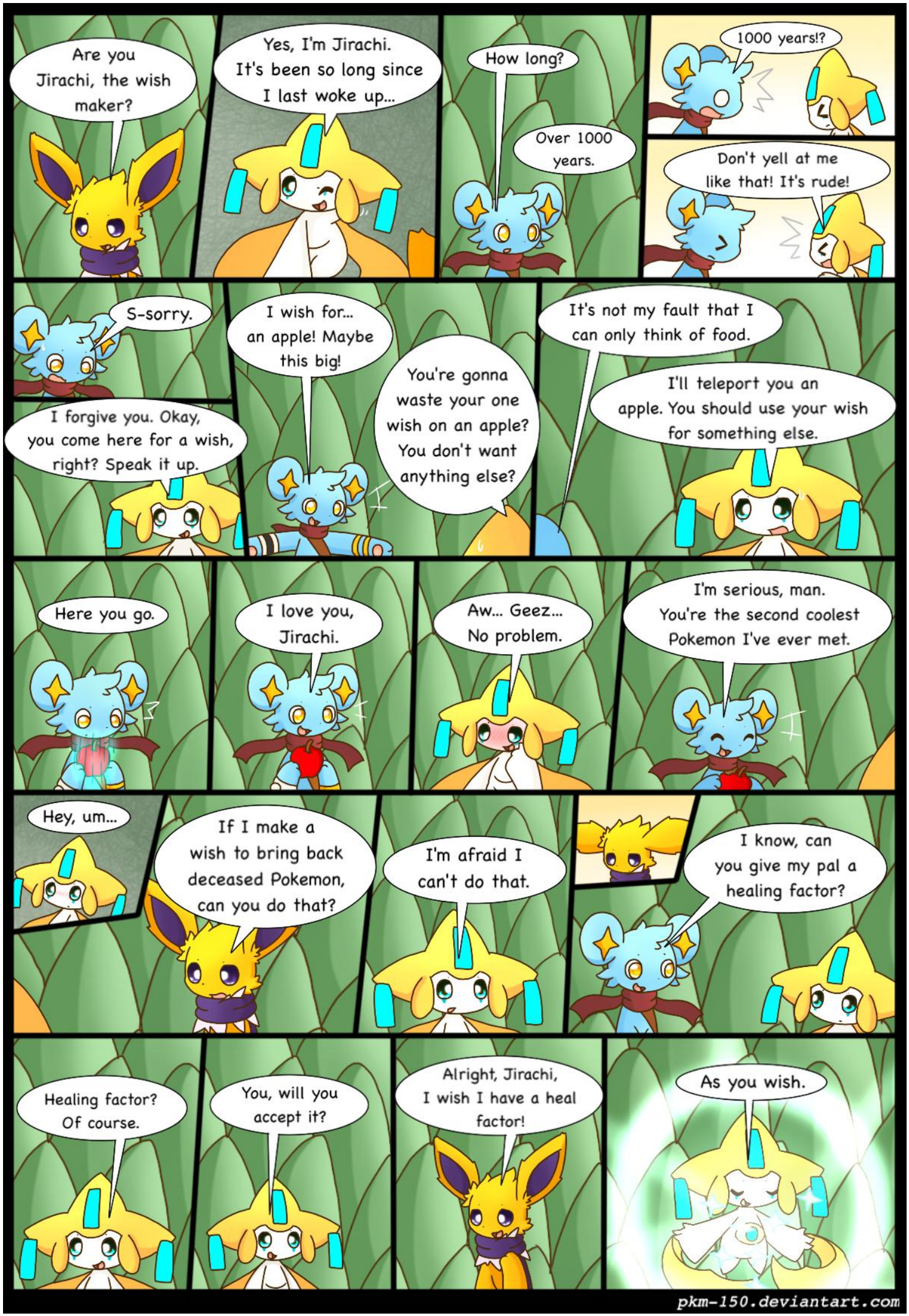
Are you Jirachi, the wish maker?
Yes, I'm Jirachi. It's been so long since I last woke up...
How long?
Over 1000 years.
1000 years!?
Don't yell at me like that! It's rude!
S-sorry.
I forgive you. Okay, you come here for a wish, right? Speak it up.
I wish for... an apple! Maybe this big!
You're gonna waste your one wish on an apple? You don't want anything else?
It's not my fault that I can only think of food.
I'll teleport you an apple. You should use your wish for something else.
Here you go.
I love you, Jirachi.
Aw... Geez... No problem.
I'm serious, man. You're the second coolest Pokemon I've ever met.
Hey, um...
If I make a wish to bring back deceased Pokemon, can you do that?
I'm afraid I can't do that.
I know, can you give my pal a healing factor?
Healing factor? Of course.
You, will you accept it?
Alright, Jirachi, I wish I have a heal factor!
As you wish.

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It's lame that we can only have one wish but one is enough.
Hey, what's that on your back?
Do you wanna come back and hang out sometimes? If you do, you know where to find me. Don't worry about how to wake me. Just say something. I'll wake up when I hear your voice~
Love you too~
I need to find that guy a girlfriend.
giggle
Later...
I'm back!
Flare, there's an intruder in the house!
It's me, Kris!
Speed? Is it really you?
Yeah, I just evolved into Jolteon.
Oh...
What was that for?!
You evolved without me!
Back to reality...
Jolteon! Are you up there?
Yes?
I need you right now. Can you go back to our treehouse with me?
I'll be right there.
End of Special Chapter 1
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